

Joseph Hoge House
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JOSEPH HOGE HOUSE
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SOURCE

JoDavie^{ss} County Abstract Company The first entry for the land was made on Jan. 18, 1838 by Orrine Smith. On April 22, 1839 Orrine Smith conveyed this piece to Joseph Hoge for \$1000. On Sept. 14, 1854 Joseph Hoge conveyed the property to John M. Douglas for \$4500. John Douglas sold the property to Horace Houghton on July 26, 1856 for \$10,000.

JoDavie^{ss} County History Joseph Hoge was a highly educated lawyer who come from Baltimore, Md. to Galena about 1838. He was attracted to the town by the tremendous business opportunities offered by the lead mines and shortly after his arrival he became one of the towns most influential citizens.

Mrs. Letitia Husted This residence was designed by H.J. Stoeffer^{OFFER}, an architect builder from St. Louis and probably built about 1845 for Joseph Hoge. This verbal testimony is verified as follows.

Mr. Hoge apparently was much impressed with the architecture of Maryland and Virginia and it is assumed that he had a very definite idea of the type of house he desired to build in Galena. The Hoge house resembles the Maryland and Virginia architecture of that period. Furthermore, the deed shows that he bought the property for \$1000 in 1839 and sold it for \$4500 in 1854. This would show the date of the house as about 1845. The fact that Douglas sold the entire property barely two years after he bought it would not allow him time to develop the buildings and grounds.

In recent years the house has been very poorly adapted to modern requirements. It stands at 512 Park Avenue, Galena.

By E. Mittelbush (E.H.R.)

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Approved Earl H. Reed, Jr.